

The Herald Of Hope

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Pastor's Pen

Have you been praying with us during January? If you have I am sure that you have been blessed. I encourage you to pause a few moments to count your blessings.

- ◇ Has God given you direction in your life?
- ◇ Has God helped you in meeting your physical, spiritual, and emotional needs?
- ◇ Has God laid on your heart what area of ministry he wants you to become involved in?
- ◇ Has God laid on your heart what level of financial support you will give to these ministries?
- ◇ Have you been moved to take seriously your growth as a Christian disciple?
- ◇ Have you been praying , by name, for these you plan to invite and bring to bible study and worship with you?

God's people need to hear from you. How has God blessed you through this prayer emphasis? You can drop me a note or share your testimony during morning worship.

Most of all I pray that your prayer life has been strengthened and that you will not stop praying but continue to grow in this most wonderful privilege of Christian discipleship.

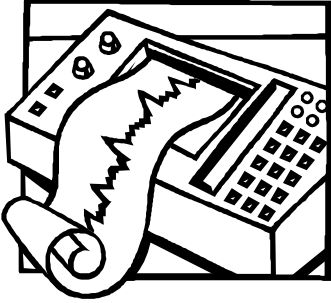
Please introduce your F.R.A.N. to me and to others when you bring them.



Yours in Christ
Pastor Ken

What is *go red* for women?

Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national movement to make women aware of their risk for heart disease, and take serious action to reduce that risk. Heart disease



is the leading cause of death in women. The Red Dress symbol is a reminder of the strength women have to collectively fight heart disease. Heart disease can be prevented, when we learn to take care of our hearts.

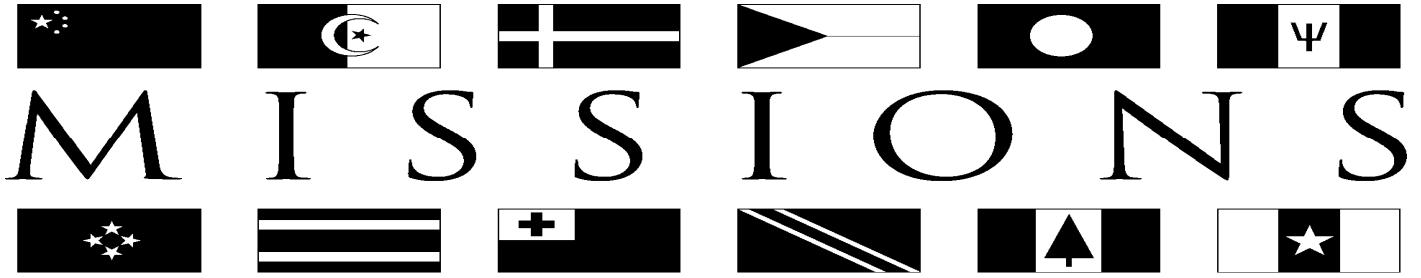
When women learn to love their hearts, they can appreciate their health, their life and their loved ones. Take a moment daily and love your heart. Place your hands over your heart, breathe deeply, think about your heart beat, and what your heart means to you. Make a promise to be heart healthy. Visit your healthcare provider to learn how to make heart-healthy habits part of your daily life. Schedule a doctor's appointment each year on your birthday. Track your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and weight and keep them in a healthy range. Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Furthermore, add color to your plate by eating more fruits and vegetables daily.

Go Red in Your Own Fashion is this year's theme. It is about finding your personal way to take part in the fight against heart disease in women. Whether it's visiting your healthcare provider, deciding to quit smoking, or taking the stairs instead of the elevator—you can take action to love your heart. Get involved, encourage others and save lives. February is American Heart Month. Become a part of the Go Red for Women movement and join the fight against heart disease by visiting www.goredforwomen.org or calling 1-888-MY-HEART.

» » *Thank You* » »

Our family would like to thank each and everyone from Hope Church who were there supporting our family in our time of sorrow. You expressed such love and compassion with all your prayers and cards, your appearance at the funeral home, at the funeral, with all the food, and the dinner after the funeral. We know God's love is very strong and thriving at Hope Church. God knew what we needed to help us, and he provided it through each of you. Thank you again for all your love and support.

The Tanner Family



February's Mission of the Month is
The Way Out Prison Ministries

The Way Out Prison Ministries was started in 1980 by Esley Patch.

It now reaches several Northeast Ohio counties. It operates in the Orianna House and Juvenile Facilities. It not only helps inmates but also their families, with the good news of Jesus.

Our goal is to raise \$350 for this ministry. Mark your envelope Missions and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Penny Jug News

The Administrative Board has decided to split the money from the penny jug between Bolivia, The Swains and The Freer's.



Katrina Trip Report

We sent 9 men to Mississippi the week after Christmas. The team not only helped folks in dire need, but had numerous opportunities to witness the love of Jesus. There will be an opportunity if you missed the one on January 29th to hear testimony from the men that went down there. This will be Sunday February 12th at 6pm at Goss Memorial Church. This mission was made possible by your prayers and financial support. Hope raised over \$1600 toward the trip. There were 16 people on the team from the Kenmore area churches. Come and learn about the experience and enjoy the fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayer requests

From Dale Kinkade
 -Please pray that the Lord will provide 100% of his funding for 2006.

From Mark & Cindy Freer
 e-mail is: freer2005@yahoo.com
 -Please pray for our churches in Indonesia that continue to come under threats and attacks. While it is bringing great stress for many here, it is also providing new opportunities we have not had before. Pray for God's protection, wisdom and work.

-Please pray for Matthew in his last years at Wesley and that God will direct him in his selection of a college for next year. Pray for Andrew in his third year at Wheaton College. He is seeking God's will about an internship for next summer.

-Please pray for Mark in his leadership of the field, teaching at the Seminary, developing and overseeing Charis High School expansion and renovations.

-Please pray for Steve Swain who is ill and hospitalized in San Antonio.

<u>STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE</u>	
(through January 29, 2006)	
Ministry goal 2006	\$ 16,440.00
Received, YTD	\$ 11,990.40
Difference	— \$ 4,449.60
Mission of the Month for December	
Victim Assistance:	\$234.00 was sent

Worship Opportunities

Are You Growing In God's Word?

Each Sunday we offer Bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Men's Breakfast



Our next breakfast will be Saturday, February 11th at 8am. Come join us for food and fellowship. We will begin a series of discussions on issues relevant to the lives of our men.

Please bring your F.R.A.N. and join us.

Prayer Meeting

Join us each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for prayer. You may join us to pray with us or so that we can pray for you. God is at work in our church. Prayers are being answered. Come join us!



Aluminum Cans

Keep the aluminum cans and tabs coming. To date we have raised more than \$642.50 and as of December 31st and we have turned in more than 37 pounds of tabs to Children's Hospital.

Thank you!

February 5

- 9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast
- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
There's Still Work To Do -
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Bible Study
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

February 12—Sweetheart's Sunday

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
A Box of Chocolates! -
1 Corinthians 13
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Katrina Report at
Goss Memorial Church
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

February 19

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Meet The Boss—Ephesians 6:1-9
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Bible Study /Learning to Share
Christ—childcare available.
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

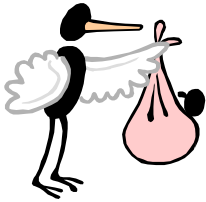
February 26

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Jesus' Confirmation and Yours—
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Bible Study /Learning to Share
Christ—childcare available.
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

Congratulations

Bryce Evan Denison was born Tuesday January 17th weighs 7.6 pounds and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Beth (Fincher) and Mike Denison.



Baby Caitlin Trinity Smith was born 2

months early on January 20th and weighs 4.3 lbs. She is in N.I.C.U. at Akron General Hospital. –Proud relatives are Great-Great Aunt & Uncle Bernie & Jerry Sayre.

Volunteers Needed

-We are looking for an APS (Akron Pregnancy Service) mailing chairperson. If you are interested please call Merleen Campbell or the office for details.

-We need people to serve as greeter (s) before Sunday School or worship contact Bev Fincher or Sherry Jackson.

-We need a team to make “glad you worshipped with us visits” contact Bev Fincher.

-We need a team (s) to visit in the community to invite people to worship with us contact Bev Fincher.

Please note there will be training for these teams. Also, see Pastor’s study that begins Feb. 19th at 6pm.

Tetelestai—Meaning “it is finished”

Is a passion play about the last week or so of Jesus’ life. It shows the events leading up to the crucifixion itself, and His appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. Cleveland Performing Arts Ministry has been doing this play for years in Northeast Ohio during Lent. It is a very moving presentation.

If you would like to go to a performance you can check it out at:

Lafayette UMC
6201 Lafayette Rd
Median, OH 44256
330-725-6176
Feb. 24, 25 & 26

St. Joseph Church/
Randolft
2643 Waterloo Rd
Mogadore, OH 44260
330-628-9941
Mar. 17, 18 & 19

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8:00pm. Sunday performances start at 3:00pm. Doors open one hour prior to performance time. Free-will donations are accepted. For other dates and locations see poster in lobby.

Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

There's Still Time

There is still time to turn in your cycles of discipleship pledge cards. You can bring



or mail them to the church c/o Linda Bryant, Financial Secretary. We would like to hear from everyone who feels God's calling to support the many

ministries of Hope Church. If you or someone you know has been blessed by one of these ministries, you can help others to receive a blessing also. Together we accomplished much in 2005. We hope to do even more in 2006 with your support.

Epiphany Party

The Epiphany Party was a great success. The turn out made the task of putting away Christmas decorations much easier. The fellowship and food was also great.

New Study Begins

On Sunday evening Feb. 19th at 6pm a new study will begin. Pastor Ken will be teaching on the topic "Please, help me share my faith!" Learn how to share Christ with your F.R.A.N. in a natural and relaxed way. Child care will be provided. If you have never lead someone to Christ this is for you! Remember Jesus commanded you to go and make disciples. See you on the 19th at 6pm in the overflow room.



Attention

Joan Burdeshaw has a new address:



1491 Dragonwyck Ct
Xenia OH 45385-7051



Sue Wilson has a new e-mail address:



smw0311@sbcglobal.net



Valentine

My heart overflows with love,

Fashioned in our courtship

Planted in our marriage

Blossoming in our children.

A love that has been

Pruned by life's realities and

Strengthened by its triumphs.

A love that has grown because the

Responsibility and freedom

To give and receive

Have been shared.

A love that continues to seek its Source

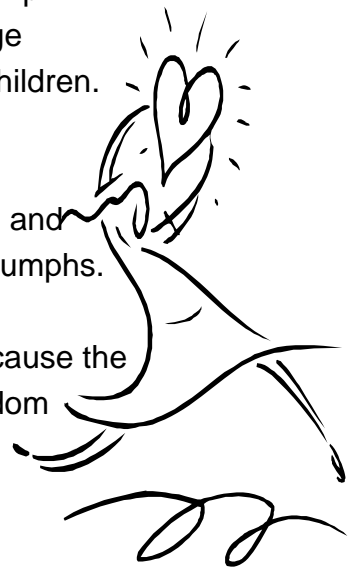
In the sunshine of

God's Love—

For it is there that we find

Our reason for being and

Our reason for loving!





February-

- 1— Roger Campbell
- 2— Terry Walquist
- 2— Ron Phillips
- 3— Jill Hodges
- 6— Doris Holman
- 6— Angie Veppert
- 6— Martha Baillis
- 7— Bob Russell
- 8— Matthew Rhodes
- 8— Michelle Rhodes
- 9— Sandy Onusic
- 11— Bob Filiatreau
- 12— Marnie Mellinger
- 13— John Ross
- 14— Scott Campbell
- 17— Melissa Scott
- 17— Stephanie McVay-Howell
- 17— Lucas Cinko
- 18— Bev Fincher
- 18— Julie Thomas
- 18— Penny Snyder
- 19— Melissa Lott
- 19— James Lott
- 22— Heather Semelsberger
- 22— Sherry Jackson
- 25— Sondra Myers
- 28— Gwenn Bresslauer
- 29— Abigail Tanner



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Sherry Jackson or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald were given by:

- ◇ ***Jerry & Judy Lake; Roger & Linda Bryant ; Mitzi Tanner Cummings & Dixie Tanner Shaffer; Jerry & Bernie Sayre; Ray & Diane Marr; James Mussarra; Bob & Cindy Fisher; Holly & Dorothy Dickinson; Rose Epling; and one anonymous person all were in memory of Brooks Tanner***

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.



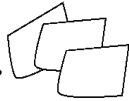
February-

- 4— Carol & Benny Griffith
- 12— Rita & Glenn Veppert
- 18— Gerald & Bernice Sayre
- 21— Ken & Marcia Oeffner

LOVE IS AN ACTION!

Love is about doing for others. For this Valentine's Day (or any other time of the year), create a coupon book that helps you serve others with love.

Here is what you need:



■ index cards or colored paper (as many as you need)



■ stickers (optional)

■ colored markers or crayons



Here is what you do:

1. Think of the different people you can show love to. For example, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, teachers, grandparents, etc.

2. Make a list of different things (acts of love) you can do for these people to show them you love them.

3. On each index card or colored paper, write these words:

This coupon is good for:



With love,
[Sign your name]



4. Write one "act of love" on each coupon's blank line.

5. Decorate each coupon with drawings, designs or stickers.

6. You can give people one coupon each or staple a few together into a coupon book to give to each person.



In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes about love. He tells us what love does and does not do. Let's find out about love!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

LOVE IS 16 1 20 9 5 14 20

LOVE IS 11 9 14 4

LOVE 18 5 10 15 9 3 5 19 WITH THE TRUTH

LOVE 16 18 15 20 5 3 20 19

LOVE 20 18 21 19 20 19

LOVE 8 15 16 5 19

LOVE 16 5 18 19 5 22 5 18 5 19

... THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

12 15 22 5

Answer: PATIENT, KIND, REJOICES, PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES, PERSEVERES, LOVE

Confessing Movement

Last month there was a detailed article stating the purpose and background of the Confessing Movement. Your Administrative Board voted to sign on. They also voted to give you the opportunity to sign on as well. Some of you have done so, but there is still time for others to add their names to the list, located on the table in the lobby. Your signature will add strength to the movement as it seeks to call the United Methodist Church back to its roots.

The Confessional Charge

This, then, is our confession: We confess that Jesus Christ is the Son, the Savior, and the Lord, according to the Scriptures. The United Methodist Church has never had an institutional guarantee of doctrinal diversity without boundaries. We implore other United Methodists, laity and clergy, to join us in this confession. Relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit, we vow to make this confession in the congregations, boards, divisions, agencies, seminaries, and conferences of our denomination.

We will faithfully support United Methodist activities, groups, programs, and publications that further this confession, and we will vigorously challenge and hold accountable those that undermine this confession. All the while, readying for the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, we welcome ecumenical partnerships in the advancement of this confession.

April 29, 1995

Lay Speaking Ministries

Training 2006—information and registration

Spring	Dates	Registration Due By
Basic	March 3, 4, & 18	February 10
Lay Speakers Interpret our Heritage	April 7, 8 & 22	March 17
Lay Speakers are Servant Leaders	May 5, 6 & 20	April 14
Fall	Dates	Registration Due By
Basic	October 6, 7 & 21	September 15
Lay Speakers Lead Small Groups	November 3, 4 & 18	October 13

NOTES: Registration dates are absolute deadlines. Registration forms must be in the Registrar's hands by that day. There are no provisions for late registration. Friday classes begin at 6:30pm and end about 8:30pm to 9:00pm. Saturdays begin at 9:00am and end 4:30pm to 5:00pm.

See Pastor Ken or Roger Campbell for registration forms and more details. Registration is limited to 18 per course—so register early.

